REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are currently pending. Of these, claims 4, 5, 17 and 19 have been amended hereinabove and claims 20-45 have been added.

The specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error on the chemical name of structure No. 21 on Table 1 at page 24 and to add the chemical name of structure No. 40 on Table 2 at page 34. Claims 4, 5, 17 and 19 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and to claim the structure No. 40 on Table 2, at page 34 of the Specification. Support for new claims 20-45 can be found in the specification at page 2, lines 24-26, page 17, lines 26-29, page 18, lines 21-24, Example 1 at page 19, line 24 to page 20 line 10 and in original claims 1, 16 and 19. No new matter has been added. Three additional independent claims for a total of nine independent claims have been added by this preliminary amendment. However, Applicants have already paid for the initial three additional independent claims at the time of filing the current application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge all fees due, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Applicants believe claims 1-45 are patentable and in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, Applicants are not aware of any prior art that has all of the elements of the claims or which in proper combination with other prior art would provide all of the elements of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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